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SUBJECT: MBFR: OPTION III: FURTHER EQUIPMENT REDUCTIONS: SPC

MEETING NOVEMBER 24

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1. AT NOVEMBER 24 SPC MEETING, US REP (MOORE) INTRODUCED THE POSITION ON FURTHER EQUIPMENT REDUCTIONS IN PARA 5, REFTEL. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED FRG REP (CITRON) OF US VIEW ON POSSIBLE FOOTNOTE TO PARA 3 (BIS) OF THE POSITION PAPER THAT IF THE EAST PRESSED, THE NAC COULD CONSIDER WHETHER ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE TO THE AHG WAS NECESSARY, PER PARA 6, REFTEL.

2. US REP, IN INTRODUCING THE POSITION IN PARA 5, REFTEL, RECALLED THAT IN THE PREVIOUS SPC DEBATE ON THE QUESTION OF FURTHER REDUCTIONS, MOST SPC MEMBERS AGREED THAT PARA 3 OF THE GUIDANCE WAS ALREADY ADEQUATE, IN STATING THAT THE ALLIED PROPOSALS WERE A SECRET

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"ONE TIME OFFER" AND WERE A "UNIQUE OFFER", "NOT A STEP TOWARD FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR OR AIR FORCES OR IN EQUIPMENT".

HOWEVER,

ONE DELEGATION (FRG) WISHED TO SAY MORE THAN THAT IN PARA 3 OF

THE GUIDANCE. IN ADDITION, THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO DELEGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PARA 3 (BIS) OF THE POSITION PAPER. THE US WAS NOW PUTTING FORWARD A COMPROMISE SOLUTION, WITH RESPECT TO THE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF BOTH THE GUIDANCE AND POSITION PAPER. US REP DREW FULLY ON PARA 5, REFTTEL.

3. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THE US PROPOSAL WARMLY TO HIS AUTHORITIES, AND HE SAW NO DIFFICULTY WITH IT.

4. NETHERLANDS REP (MEESMAN) SAID HE WAS SURE THE NETHERLANDS WOULD GO ALONG WITH THIS LANGUAGE.

5. CANADIAN REP (BARTLEMAN) SAID CANADA COULD JOIN AN SPC CONSENSUS ON THIS BASIS.

6. FRG REP (CITRON) SAID THAT THE US PROPOSAL APPEARED TO BE A GOOD STEP, HE WOULD RECOMMEND IT TO HIS AUTHORITIES, AND HE HOPED IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

7 UK REP (BAILES) REMAINED SILENT ON THIS SUBJECT IN SPC, BUT WHEN WE CONSULTED WITH HER EARLIER IN THE DAY, SHE WAS SURE THE US WORDING WOULD POSE NO PROBLEMS FOR LONDON.

8. COMMENT: THE FRG HAS NOT FOUND SUPPORT FROM OTHER ALLIES IN THE PAST WITH RESPECT TO WHAT THE GUIDANCE SHOULD SAY ON FURTHER EQUIPMENT REDUCTIONS. NO ALLY OTHER THAN THE FRG HAS SUPPORTED ANY OF THE BRACKETED LANGUAGE AT THE END OF PARA 3 OF THE GUIDANCE OF THIS ISSUE, ALTHOUGH OTHER ALLIES HAVE AGREED WITH THE FRG THAT THE POSITION PAPER SHOULD CLEARLY STATE ALLIED POSITION AGAINST REDUCTION OF NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT. THIS IS IN SHARP CONTRAST WITH THE SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT THE FRG HAS HAD FROM THE EUROPEAN ALLIES ON NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS, I.E. TELLING THE EAST AT AN EARLY STAGE THAT SUCH LIMITATIONS ARE UNACCEPTABLE. THIS REFLECTS, IN OUR VIEW, THE SENTIMENT OF THE EUROPEAN ALLIES THAT LIMITATIONS ON NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT ARE A MORE IMMEDIATE DANGER, SINCE THE EAST COULD PRESS HARD FOR SUCH LIMITATIONS IN PHASE I (AS NON-CIRCUMVENTION OF
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US PHASE I LIMITATIONS), AND THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD THEREFORE START EARLY IN ARGUING THAT LIMITATIONS ON NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT ARE UNACCEPTABLE.
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